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SUBJ: FEB 11 WEG: PRESENTATION BY FRG ON MOBILE AIR DEFENSE
(AGENDA ITEM III)

REF: USNATO 3709 (1974) (NOTAL)

1. DRURING FEBRUARY 11, 1975, EWG MEETING, FRG PRESENTED BRIEFING
ON MOBILE AIR DEFENSE. BRIEFER (REPRESENTING FRG AIR FORCE AND
ARMY) DISCUSSED:

A) IMPORTANCE OF MOBILITY FOR GROUND-BASED AIR DEFENSE (AD)
SYSTEMS.

B) EXISTING AD CAPABILITY IN CENTRAL REGION.

C) CRITERIA FOR AND FACTORS AFFECTING AD MOBILITY.

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D) AD CAPABILITY OF FRG ARMED FORCES.

E) FRG PLANS TO PROCURE MOBILE AD SYSTEMS IN FUTURE.

BRIEFER OFFERED FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A) NATO REQUIRES MOBILE AD CAPABILITY.

B) STANDARDIZATION OF AD SYSTEMS IS DESIRABLE.

C) MIDDLE EAST WAR CONFIRMED NEED FOR AD IN SUPPORT
OF GROUND FORCES.

D) NATO AD "BELT CONCEPT" IN CENTRAL REGION DOES NOT
REPEAT NOT EXCLUDE NEED FOR MOBILE SYSTEMS.

E) FRG WILL IMPROVE MOBILE AD CAPABILITIES BY PROCURING
MORE GEPARD AND ROLAND SYSTEMS IN FUTURE.

2. DURING SHORT POST-BRIEFING DISCUSSION, BRIEFER SAID MAJOR
REASON FOR AD MOBILITY WAS TO PLACE WEAPON SYSTEMS WHERE THEY
COULD OPERATE EFFECTIVELY, BUT THAT FRG HOPED MOBILITY WOULD
ALSO REDUCE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

3. FRG WILL DISTRIBUTE TEXT OF BRIEFING THIS WEEK. MISSION
WILL POUCH COPIES TO SECDEF AND USCINCEUR.BRUC

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